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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT ASSISTANCE

REF: AMMAN 5454

1. BECAUSE OF HEAVY OVERCROWDING AND OTHER UNFAVORABLE CONDITIONS AT US MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES, DEPT -- AT DOD'S REQUEST -- HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS (A-9211 OF DEC. 17, 1974) THAT ONLY THOSE FOREIGN NATIONALS CONSIDERED CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO US INTERESTS ABROAD SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR TREATMENT AT SUCH FACILITIES, AND THEN ONLY WHEN ADEQUATE TREATMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE AT OTHER US FACILITIES.

2. IN LIGHT OF THESE RESTRICTIONS AND WITHOUT FURTHER JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION THAT MRS. SHAR' RECEIVE EXAMINATION AND POSSIBLE TREATMENT AT A US MILITARY MEDICAL

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INSTALLATION, WE THINK IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT REQUEST

REPORTED REFTEL COULD BE APPROVED.

3. OCCURS TO US -- IN LIGHT OF GEN. SHAR'S ABILITY TO FINANCE HIS WIFE'S MEDICAL CARE AND LIKELIHOOD THAT HIS UNGA RESPONSIBILITIES WILL KEEP HIM CLOSE TO NEW YORK CITY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS -- THAT IT MIGHT SUFFICE (AND POSSIBLY BE EVEN BETTER) TO REFER MRS. SHAR' TO A REPUTABLE CIVILIAN MEDICAL FACILITY IN NEW YORK AREA FOR EXAMINATION AND POSSIBLE TREATMENT.

4. AFTER CONSULTING WITH MEDICAL DIVISION, WE RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT GEN. SHAR' CONSIDER NEW YORK HOSPITAL/CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER AS EXCELLENT ALTERNATIVE TO BETHESDA. IT POSSESSES HIGHLY PROFICIENT DIAGNOSTIC FACILITIES IN FIELD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE, PARTICULARLY GASTROENTEROLOGY, AND IS LOCATED ON EAST 68TH STREET WITHIN EASY DISTANCE OF UN HEADQUARTERS. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST IN MAKING NECESSARY ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. SHAR' TO RECEIVE TREATMENT SHE REQUIRES UPON HER ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST GEN. SHAR'S REACTION AND LIKELY ETA NEW YORK. MAW

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